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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The attached letter dated 24 March 1993 addressed to the President of the Security Council is circulated herewith.

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Annex

REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
GOVERNMENT

24 March 1993

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to address you with regard to the application of the Republic of Macedonia for admission to the United Nations, dated 30 July 1992 (document S/25147) and to the informal consultations of the members of the Security Council on the subject.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia I would like to express to you and to the members of the Council our appreciation for recommending my country for membership in the United Nations.

However, I wish to bring to your attention our disappointment that it has not proved possible for the Security Council to adopt the standard straightforward resolution on admission of new members.

Regardless of our concerns I would like to assure you that the Republic of Macedonia is able and willing to carry out the obligations under the Charter. We shall proceed with our policy of good-neighbourly relations and cooperation aiming at establishing our country as a factor of peace and stability in the region and in the broader international community.

I would also like to express our willingness to continue to cooperate with the co-chairmen of the Steering Committee of the International Conference on the former Yugoslavia in setting up a mechanism to settle the difference that has arisen and to promote confidence-building measures with the Republic of Greece, on the clear understanding that this in no way affects the completion of the process of the admission of the Republic of Macedonia to the membership in the United Nations.

The Republic of Macedonia will in no circumstances be prepared to accept the "former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" as the name of the country. We refuse to be associated in any way with the present connotation of the term "Yugoslavia".

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Branko CTVENKOVSKI
President of the Government of
the Republic of Macedonia

H.E. Mr. Terence Christopher O'Brien
President of the Security Council
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